

# 2020-2021

## *Calendar for Community Partners*

*Monthly book titles, events, helpful tips, holidays and more!*



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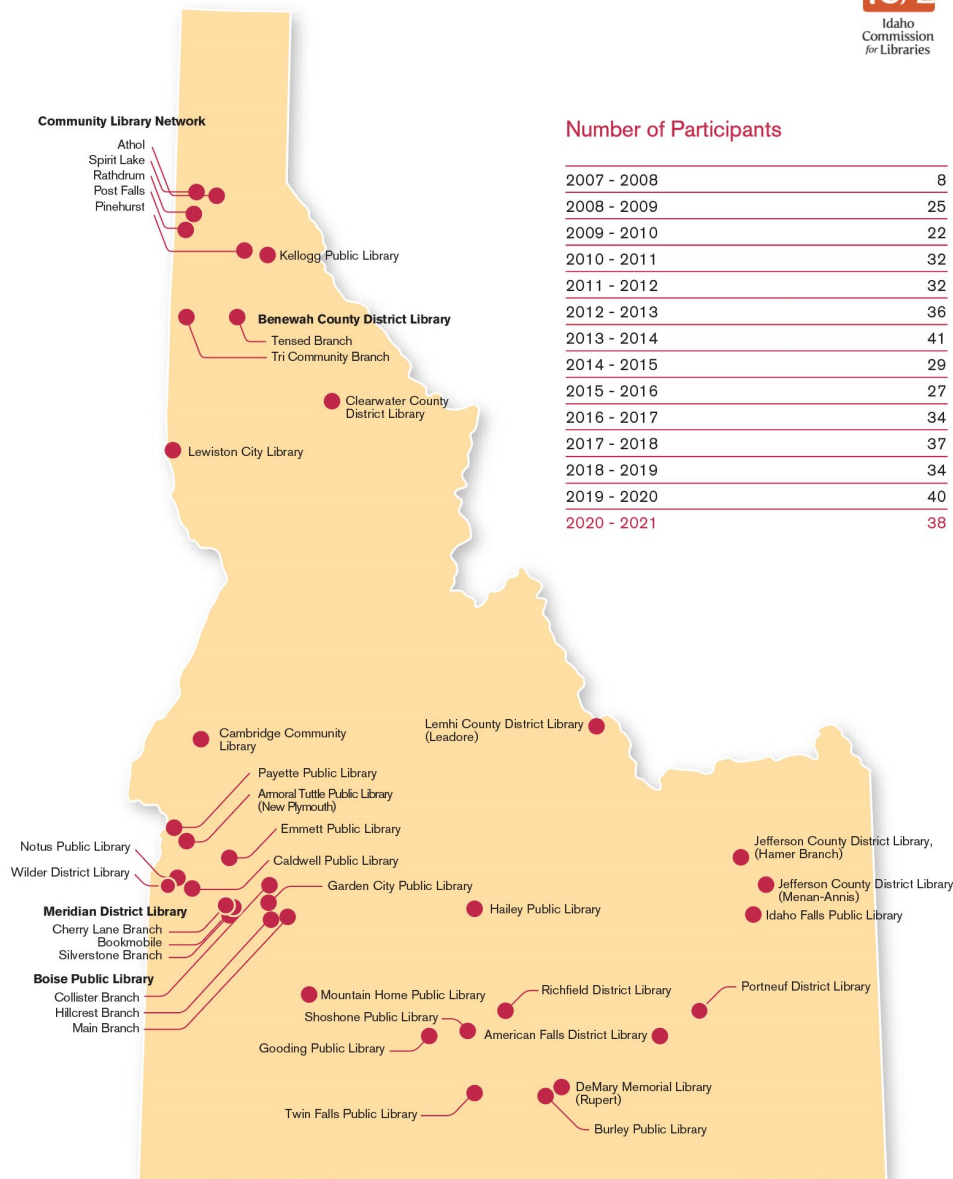
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## MY FIRST BOOKS SITES

2020-2021



## Helpful Contacts:

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### My First Books Resources

[libraries.idaho.gov/rtm/my-first-books/](http://libraries.idaho.gov/rtm/my-first-books/)  
(Under Resources for MFB Participants)

### Abbreviations:

**MFB** (My First Books)

**ICfL** (Idaho Commission for Libraries)

**CP** (Community Partner)

# August 2020

## Helpful Links

**Author pronunciations:**  
[www.teachingbooks.net](http://www.teachingbooks.net)

**Book jackets:**  
[www.librarything.com](http://www.librarything.com)

**Data and statistics:**  
[www.idahovoices.org/research/kids-count](http://www.idahovoices.org/research/kids-count)

**Early literacy resources:**

**Read to Me:**  
[libraries.idaho.gov/rtm/read-to-me-resources](http://libraries.idaho.gov/rtm/read-to-me-resources)

**DayByDayID.org**

**The Bookworm:** (in English and Spanish)  
[libraries.idaho.gov/publications/bookworm](http://libraries.idaho.gov/publications/bookworm)

**Songs, rhymes, fingerplays videos:**

[www.youtube.com/Birth2Six](http://www.youtube.com/Birth2Six)  
[www.storyblocks.org](http://www.storyblocks.org)  
[www.thelearninggroove.com](http://www.thelearninggroove.com)  
[www.jbrary.com](http://www.jbrary.com)  
[www.spanishplayground.net](http://www.spanishplayground.net)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Helpful Hints:</b> Meet with your library partner to discuss distribution dates and times. Be sure to address how you and your library partner will inform the parents about their participation in My First Books this year. Be sure to discuss contingency plans to address health and safety measures due to the pandemic and how you will inform parents about participation in the MFB program this year. Double-check enrollment numbers for each age group and give to library ASAP.						1
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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30	31					

# September 2020

## Helpful Hints

☒ Meet with your library partner to discuss distribution dates/times and contingency plans to address health and safety measures due to the pandemic.

—Address how you and your library partner will inform parents about participation in MFB this year.  
—Confirm enrollment numbers for each age group and send updated numbers to your library partner ASAP.

☒ Be sure to utilize the resources provided for Spanish-speaking families: Intro letter in Spanish; Bookworms in Spanish; Spanish translation of books.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Library Card Sign Up Month</b> <b>Hispanic Heritage Month</b> (Sept. 15—Oct. 15) <b>Banned Books Week:</b> Sept. 27—Oct. 3		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 <i>Grandparent's Day</i>	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 <i>International Day of Peace</i>	22	23	24	25 <i>Native American Day</i>	26
27	28	29	30	Look ahead through this calendar to see all the books and themes your library will be sharing with your students. Be sure to read the <b>Helpful Hints</b> for each month.		

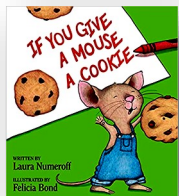
# Timeless Favorites

## Birth-2



*The Very Hungry Caterpillar/  
La oruga muy hambrienta,*  
by Eric Carle

## Preschool




*If You Give a  
Mouse a Cookie,*  
by Laura Joffe Numeroff

## Kindergarten



*Frog and Toad Together,*  
by Arnold Lobel

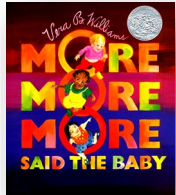
# October 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Helpful Hints:</b> Meet with your library regarding Idaho Family Reading Week (FRW) (Nov. 9—15) & possible Family Literacy Event.			<b>International School Library Month</b>  <b>National Friends of the Library Week:</b> October 18 - 24	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12  Columbus Day	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 Jumpstart Read for the Record 	30  How many kids can you involve in the reading of "Evelyn del Rey is Moving Away"?	31  Halloween

# Narrative Skills/ Family Reading Week

# November 2020

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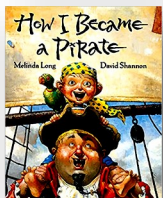
"More, More, More,"  
Said the Baby,  
by Vera Williams

## Preschool



We're Going on a Bear Hunt,  
by Michael J. Rosen

## Kindergarten



How I Became a Pirate,  
by Melinda Long

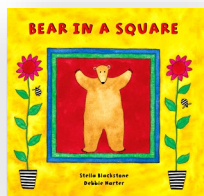
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1  Daylight Savings Time Ends	2	3  International Games Week: November 3-9	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11  Veteran's Day	12	13	14
Idaho Family Reading Week: "Fun & Games!" (Nov 9—15)						
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26  Thanksgiving	27	28
29	30		<b>Helpful Hints:</b> Promote your FRW Event: Fliers, Bookworm, stickers on children, emails to parents, posters/signs on doors of classroom/center—send something home each week!			<b>Native American Heritage and Picture Book Month</b>



# Letter Knowledge

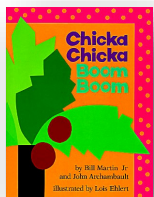
# December 2020

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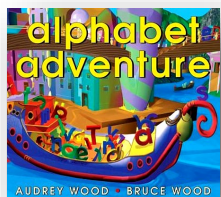
*Bear in a Square,*  
by Stella Blackstone

## Preschool



*Chicka Chicka Boom Boom,*  
by Bill Martin, Jr.

## Kindergarten



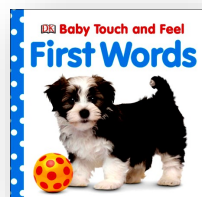
*Alphabet Adventure,*  
by Audrey Wood

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<b>Cultural Celebrations:</b> <b>Las Posadas,</b> Dec. 16—24 (Hispanic) <b>Chanukah,</b> Dec. 10—Dec. 18 (Jewish) <b>Kwanzaa,</b> Dec. 26—Jan. 1 (African-American)		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10  <i>International Human Rights Day</i>	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25  <i>Christmas Day</i>	26
27	28	29	30	31	<b>Helpful Hints:</b> This month may be filled with special assemblies, concerts, parties, etc. Check in with your library partner regarding distribution dates.	

# Writing/Use of Print

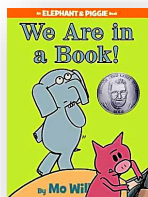
# January 2021

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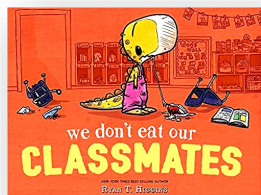
*Baby Touch and Feel:  
First Words,*  
by Dorling Kindersley (DK)

## Preschool



*We Are in a Book,*  
by Mo Willems

## Kindergarten



*We Don't Eat  
Our Classmates,*  
by Ryan T. Higgins

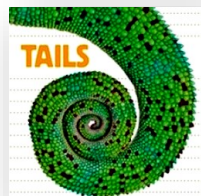
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Whenever you have new children enroll in your program, be sure to give your library partner advance notice so they can bring enough books for your new kids.	<b>National Braille Literacy Month</b>  <b>100th Day of School:</b> check district calendar for exact day				1  New Year's Day	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18  MLK, Jr. Day/ Idaho Human Rights Day	19	20	21	22	23
24  31	25	26	27	28	29	30



## Nonfiction

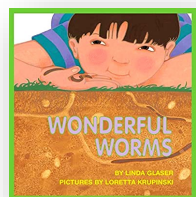
# February 2021

### Birth-2



*Tails,*  
by Katrine Crow

### Preschool



*Wonderful Worms,*  
by Linda Glaser

### Kindergarten



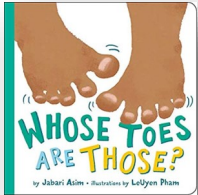
*What if You Had  
Animal Eyes?!*  
by Sandra Markle

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Children's Authors &amp; Illustrators Week:</b> First week of February	1	2 <i>Groundhog Day</i>	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 <i>Chinese New Year - Year of the White Cow/Ox</i>	13
14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15 <i>President's Day</i>	16	17	18	19	20
21	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	<b>African American History Month</b> <b>International Friendship Month</b> <div> <b>Helpful Hints:</b>            If you have special activities planned for Black History/American History/Friendship Month, check with your library partner to see if they can bring in some age-appropriate books to feature in a library display.         </div>				

# Phonological Awareness

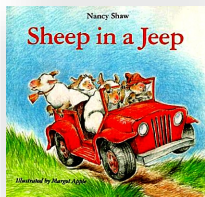
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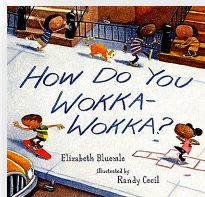
*Whose Toes Are Those?*  
by Jabari Asim

## Preschool



*Sheep in a Jeep,*  
by Nancy Shaw

## Kindergarten



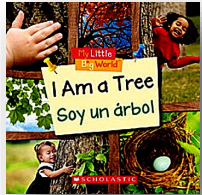
*How Do You Wokka-Wokka?*  
by Elizabeth Bluemle

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Women's History Month</b>	1	2 <i>Dr. Seuss's Birthday/NEA Read Across America Day</i> ( <a href="http://www.nea.org">www.nea.org</a> )	3	4 <i>Idaho Day</i>	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i>	15	16	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	<b>Helpful Hints:</b> Let your library partner know your Spring Break dates. Consider collaborating to plan something for Día de los niños (Day of the Child) on April 30.		

# Vocabulary/ Earth Day

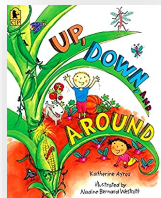
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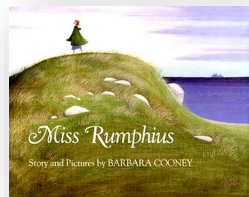
*I Am a Tree/Soy un árbol,*  
by Elodie Pope

## Preschool



*Up, Down, and Around,*  
by Katherine Ayres

## Kindergarten



*Miss Rumphius,*  
by Barbara Cooney

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Helpful Hints:</b> Meet with your library partner to plan how parent surveys will be distributed and collected. If you collect at least 75% of your parent surveys for your library, ICfL will provide you with a free hardcover book for your classroom!</p>				1	2 <i>International Children's Book Day</i> <a href="http://www.ibby.org">www.ibby.org</a>	3
4  <i>Easter</i>	5	6	7	8	9	10  <i>NAEYC Week of the Young Child: April 10-16</i> ( <a href="http://www.naeyc.org">www.naeyc.org</a> )
11	12 <i>D.E.A.R./ Beverly Cleary's BD</i> <a href="http://www.dropeverythingandread.com">www.dropeverythingandread.com</a> <i>Ramadan begins</i>	13  <i>National Library Workers Day</i>	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22  <i>Earth Day</i>	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30  <i>El día de los niños/libros</i>	<b>National Poetry Month</b> <b>School Library Month</b> <b>National Library Week: April 5-9</b>

# Summer Reading: “Tails and Tales”

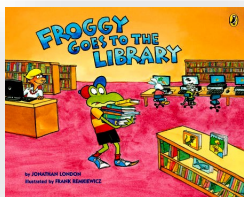
# May 2021

## Birth-2



Spot Loves Bedtime,  
by Eric Hill

## Preschool



Froggy Goes to the Library,  
by Jonathan London

## Kindergarten



Library Lion,  
by Michelle Knudson

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Helpful Hints:</b> Students receive <b>two</b> books this month! In addition to the title listed to the left for each age group, each child will get to select an additional book. Be sure to get completed MFB parent surveys to the library so they can get their final report in on time. Meet with your library to debrief. Begin promoting Summer Reading with your parents to help keep your children reading over the summer.					<b>Asian/Pacific Heritage Month</b>	1  Free Comic Book Day
2  Teacher Appreciation Week (May 2-8)	3  Children's Book Week (May 3—9)	4	5  Cinco de Mayo	6	7	8
9  Mother's Day	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23  30	24  31  Memorial Day	25	26	27	28	29
					<b>Library Deadline: MFB Final Report/Surveys due June 1</b>	